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SUBJ: PLANS OF WFTU TO HOLD "WORLD LABOR CONFERENCE
IN SUPPORT OF CHILEAN PEOPLE" IN LISBON
SEPT. 11-15

SUMMARY: WFTU PLANS CONVOKE WORLD LABOR CONFERENCE IN SUPPORT OF CHILE IN LISBON SEPT. 11-15. PORTUGUESE LABOR DEFERATION HOSTING DELEGATES. SO FAR NEITHER PORTUGUESE SOCIALIST OR COMMUNIST PARTIES HAVE INDICATED WHETHER OR NOT THEY WILL PARTICIPATE OVERTLY. MITIGATING AGAINST THEIR PARTICIPATION IS DESIRE OF BOTH NOT TO BE PUT IN SITUATION OF HAVING TO CRITIZE USG. END SUMMARY.

1. ACCORDING TO COMMUNIST-LEANING NEWSPAPER NOTICIAS DE AMADORA (AUGUST 10) AN INTERNATIONAL LABOR CONFERENCE
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WILL BE HELD IN LISBON WEEK OF SEPT. 11-15 IN SOLIDARITY

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WITH CHILEAN PEOPLE. WE UNDERSTAND PRINCIPLE SPONSOR IS WORLD FEDERATION OF TRADE UNIONS WHICH HOPES TO ENCOURAGE OTHER LABOR GROUPS TO PARTICIPATE.

2. PURPOSE OF 4-DAY ASSEMBLY IS TO MANIFEST ACTIVE SOLIDARITY FOR WORKERS AND PEOPLE OF CHILE AND TO EXAMINE BEST MANS TO PURSUE AND INTENSIFY ACTIONS OF WORKERS AND SYNDICATES OF WORLD TO: A) PUT IMMEDIATE END TO REPRESSION AND SECURE LIBERTY OF ALL CHILEAN POLITICAL AND LABOR PRISONES; B) END STATE OF SIEGE AND ESTABLISH DEMOCRATIC AND LABOR FREEDOM IN CHILE.

3. PORTUGUESE INTERSINDICAL, AS HOST, HAS ASKED EACH DELEGATION ATTENDING CONFERENCE TO PAY ITS OWN TRAVEL AND OTHER EXPENSE WHILE IN LISBON, AND TO HELP OFFSET ORGANIZATIONAL EXPENSES BY CONTRIBUTING US DOLS 100 EACH DELEGATION. WORKING LANGUGAGE OF CONFERENCE WILL BE PORTUGUESE, SPANISH, FRENCH, GERMAN, ENGLISH, ARABIC AND RUSSIAN. (COMMENT: PCP ORGAN AVANTE IN AUG. 23 EDITION RAN SMALL AD FOR TRANSLATORS IN SPANISH, FRENCH, ENGLISH, ITALIAN, GERMAN, AND RUSSIAN. THIS REQUEST MAY BE RELATED TO CONFERENCE.)

4. THIS CONFERENCE TO FOLLOW IMMEDIATELY WORLD-WIDE CELEBRATION OF "CHILE WEEK" (SEPT. 4-11). PORTUGUESE COUNCIL FOR PEACE AND COOPERATION, ON BEHALF WORLD COUNCIL OF PEACE, HAS INVITED FOLLOWING LOCAL GROUPS TO PARTICIPATE IN CHILE WEEK: COMMUNIST PARTY: SOCIALIST PARTY: PORTUGUESE DEMOCRATIC MOVEMENT (COMMUNIST-DOMINATED COALITION OF COMMUNISTS, SOCIALISTS, SOCIAL DEMOCRATS AND INDEPENDENTS); INTERSINDICAL (NATIONAL LABOR FEDERATION); MOVIMENTO DA JUVENTUD TRABALHADORA (COMMUNIST-DOMINATED ORGANIZATION OF YOUNG WORKERS); MOVIMENTO DEMOCRATICO DAS MULHERES (COMMUNIST-DOMINATED WOEMN'S GROUP). STATEMENT URGING MILITANTS OF ABOVE-MENTIONED GROUPS TO PARTICIPATE IN WEEK'S ACTIVITES PORTRAYS THIS AS BOTH AN INTERNATIONAL DUTY AND NECESSARY TO FIGHT AGAINST POSSIBLE RESURGENCE OF FASCISM IN PORTUGAL.

5. IN ADDITION TO GROUPS NAMED ABOVE, ALL "DEMOCRATS"
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AND FRIENDS OF CHILE ARE URGED TO ORGANIZE ASSEMBLIES, FESTIVALS, AND MEETINGS ON CHILE, AND TO DEMAND RELEASE FROM PRISON OF LUIS CORVALAN, CLODOMYRO, AND OTHER PRISONERS. PEOPLE ALSO URGED DELUGE CHILEAN MILITARY JUNTA WITH PROTEST CABLES AGAINST "FASCIST" GOVERNMENT OF CHILE.

6. SO FAR COMMUNIST SOCALISTS AND INTERNATIONAL

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COMMUNIST LEAGUE (A SMALL TROTSKYITE GROUP) HAVE INDICATED
THAT THEY WILL PARTICIPATE IN CHILE WEEK. HOWEVER,
NEITHER SOCIALIST OR COMMUNIST PARTY HAS ISSUED STATEMENT
OFINTENT TO SPONSOR OR PARTICIPATE OPENLY IN LABOR
CONFRECNE WHICH FOLLOWS CHILE WEEK. ON QUESTION OF
LISBON CONFERENCES, SOCIALIST PARTY (PSP) LEADER TOLD
EMBOFF AUGUST 30 THAT PSP NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR EXTENDING
INVITATION TO CONFERENCE TO MEET IN LISBON AND HAS
NOT DECIDED YET WHETHER IT INTENDS TO PARTICIPATE.

7. BOTH LOCAL PCP AND PSP HAVE SINCE APRIL 25 COUP
AVOIDED DIRECT CRITICISM OF USG. IT CERTAIN THAT USG
WILL COME IN FOR HEAVY ATTACKS IN SEPT. 11-15 PERIOD.
IF NOT CERTAIN THAT EITHER PSP OR PCP WILLING TO BE
OVERTLY ASSOCIATED WITH A CONFERENCE WHICH WILL PROBABLY
PRODUCE RHETORIC AND RESOLUTIONS CRITICAL OF THE USG.
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